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June 8, Avo, French steamer, 2177.
Hernandez, Marseilles May 5, Naples 7.
Port Said 11, Suez 12, Aden 13, Galle 20.
Singapore June 2, and Saigon 5, Malls and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

June 8, Amoy, British steamer, 814, G. H. Drewes, Shanghai June 4, and Amoy 7, General.—SIEMENS & Co.

June 8, Ocean, British steamer, 971, R. Edmundson, Sydney May 3, Newcastle 13, and Cooktown 21, Coal, General, and Gold.—Geo. R. STEVENS & Co.

June 9, Yangtze, British steamer, from Canton.

June 9, Yontung, British steamer, 200, Goggin, Swatow June 8, General.—KWOX ACHENG.

June 9, Deception, British steamer, 1630, R. J. Brown, Foochow June 7, Tea—BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

June 10, Norman Court, British barque, 824, Shawan, Swatow June 8, General.—CAPTAIN.

June 10, Eleanor, British barque, 439, Johnson, Newcastle (N.S.W.) April 11, Coal—MERRA & Co.

June 10, U. S. S. Ranger, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.

June 9, Elgin, for Singapore.

9, Finnan, for Shanghai.

9, Hatchay, for Canton.

10, Amoy, for Cebu.

10, Dale, for Hoifow and Haiphong.

10, Falcon, for Bangkok.

10, Cassandra, for Saigon.

10, Atalanta, for Swatow.

10, Auguste Friedrich, for Chefoo.

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10, Türe, for Yokohama.

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10, Sacramento, for Iloilo.

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CLEARED.

Devon, for Bangkok.

Tintern Abbey, for Bangkok.

Aldabaran, for Bangkok.

Alex. Newton, for Foochow.

Charles Mourau, for Chefoo.

Devana, for London.

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Per Avo, for Hongkong : from Mauritius, Mr Chang Ki Tiong ; from Aden, M. A. Nunes Ferreira ; from Singapore, Messrs C. E. Moore, J. G. Drayton, Ching-ho, and Cheng-lam ; from Saigon, 17 Chinese.

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Per Amoy, from Shanghai and Amoy, 48 Chinese.

Per Ocean, from Sydney, &c., 126 Chinese.

Per Yontung, from Swatow, 100 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Elgin, for Yokohama, Miss Van Dyke, Messrs G. Banks, and J. Beale ; for San Francisco, Mr and Mrs J. E. Mackie, Miss Anderson, Miss L. B. Ross, Mrs E. Bibar, Messrs C. de Costar, H. Mansfield, Rev. A. Taglabane, 3 Europeans in Steerage, and 189 Chinese.

Per Elvettico, for Straits, 263 Chinese.

Per Fuyue, for Shanghai, 2 European, and 78 Chinese.

Per Dale, for Holhaw and Haiphong, and 44 Chinese.

Per Cassandra, for Saigon, 150 Chinese.

Per Atalanta, for Swatow, 50 Chinese.

Per P. J. Carlton, for San Francisco, 2 Europeans, and 20 Chinese.

Per Sacramento, for Iloilo, 1 European.

TO DEPART.

Per Tintern Abbey, for Bangkok, 65 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Ocean reports: First

First part light S.E. winds with dull cloudy weather up to entering the China Sea, and thence equally weather, wind shifting from the S.W. with heavy rain.

On the 19th May, passed S. S. Thales from Hongkong to Sydney, and on 3rd June, S. S. Gungs from Hongkong to Sydney, was passed in Mindora Strait.

The British steamer Deception reported:

Sailed at 1 p.m. the 7th inst. and had fresh breeze with thick hazy weather and heavy rain, passed S. S. Genghis of the Brothers.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY, TAIWAN, and TAMSUI.—

For Taiwan, at 11.30 a.m., on Tuesday,

the 11th Inst.

For BANGKOK.—

For Danube, at 2.30 p.m. To-morrow, the

11th Inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per Yangtze, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow,

the 11th Inst.

For SAIGON.—

Per Quarta, at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, the

11th Inst.

For LABUAN.—

Per West, at 8 p.m. To-morrow, the

11th Inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—

Per Kwangtung, at 11.30 a.m., on Wed-

nesday, the 12th Inst.

For KEELUNG and FOOCHOW.—

Per Caldera, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday,

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MAILS will close:—

For YOKOHAMA and HIUGO.—

For Mikado, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday,

the 13th Inst.

For COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, and MEL-

BOURNE.—

Per Ocean, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,

the 16th Inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, AND

THE CHINA MAIL.

Paris on the 27th ult., and will return about the 16th inst.

Lieutenant Henry W. Oldfield is appointed to the *Charybdis*, on the China Station.

The latest addition to the Brighton Aquarium is a consignment of sixty fine Chinese telescope fish, which have just arrived from Shanghai by the Peninsular and Oriental steamer *India*. These fish have been safely deposited in a table tank, and are in good condition, considering the long journey.

Police Intelligence.

(Before Magistrate Sitting.)

June 10, 1878.

James Cosello, seaman German ship *Martha Broekmann*, and William May, second H.M.S. *Charybdis*, were fined 50 cents each for drunkenness.

Archibald McKenzie, seaman British barque *Riflemen*, was fined \$2 for being drunk, refusing to pay chair hire, and assaulting the police.

David Radger, fireman S. S. *Moray*, was fined \$20 or 4 weeks' hard labour for assaulting the Captain of his vessel and using filthy and abusive language whilst under the influence of drink.

LAWCOURT BY A EUROPEAN.

Michael Brennan, private No. 385, H.M.'s 74th Regiment, was sent to 7 months' hard labour for stealing a gold ring, some studs and a case from a jeweller's shop at Wellington Street.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, June 10, 1878.

SIR,—It is far from my wish to cavil at the doings of the Humane Society, nor do I for one instant doubt the good intentions of every one of its members, but I am inclined to think that there is a lack of discipline in its ranks. In order to illustrate what I mean, let me review what was done on Saturday. The cart was got out, loaded with all the appliances and appurtenances requisite, and dragged to the scene of operations. Members mustered at Puddar's Wharf and took passage in the steam launch provided for their accommodation, and everything went well until all were assembled for the business of the day. Here all was confusion. New members were at a loss what to do, and the old hands were equally in ignorance; that they were assembled to fire a rocket on board a junk, and endeavour to form communication with that junk, all were aware; but what part each was to play in bringing about this desirable termination to their labours, was an enigma hard to unfold. There was no system, and no order; confusion reigned supreme, and how much this would be multiplied on occasions of actual necessity may be better imagined than described. What I fancy is really wanted is not so much to form communication with a junk or any other craft by means of a rocket as that every man should know his post, and be capable of performing the part allotted to him. The Society is advertising for members, but judging from the practice of Saturday there is no systematic work for the members they have at present. In the Society's instructions to members, there are eight men told off to carry out particular portions of the work, the rest being instructed to act as supernumeraries as occasion may require; but what I would suggest is that every member should be instructed and trained in every branch of the work, so that he may be ready to act as occasion may require. In the event of the Society's services being required in an emergency, many of the members may be absent from the Colony, sick, or otherwise detained from attending their humane duty; but if all alike were trained to take any particular part of the work, the loss of the absentees would not then be felt. As regards the manual labour, for hauling in ropes, &c., main strength and stupidity can always be produced. What is really required is skill in handling the apparatus, and this can only be acquired by steady and continuous practice. Then again as to the utility of rocket practice, many are disposed to think that it is not only a waste of money, but it is time uselessly thrown away. The members know very well how to fire the rockets, but the practice for direction is useless. The amount of elevation or depression necessary to strike the desired mark in such weather as we had on Saturday evening would be found totally at fault in the case of a typhoon or even in an ordinary gale. If life be at stake, it matters not if fifty rockets be expended in endeavouring to save it; but what benefit is derived by firing rockets for practice? The necessary amount of elevation or depression cannot thus be ascertained, and the members of the society might be more beneficially trained by running the lines out by means of a launch and less time would be wasted than by rocket scattering. There is one thing certain, that members could not be sent on board of wrecked junks or ships to receive the lines and make them fast, so that part of the training may be well left alone. The distressed mariners whom the Society may one day benefit will intuitively learn what to do with the rocket lines providing the Society's well-intentioned shots hit the mark.

Wishing the "Humanes" every success,
I am, Yours &c.,
ONLOOKER.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. arr. 4th, Capt. Hernandez with the London mail of the 3rd May, arrived here on Saturday evening.

TELEGRAMS.

(From Indian Papers.)

London, May 18.—A serious riot among the strikers has taken place at Preston and Great Harwood accompanied with much violence. The military interfered and succeeded in dispersing the people without using their arms.

Berlin, May 18.—In consequence of the attempted assassination of the Emperor, a bill has been brought forward in the German Federal Council for the suppression of Socialist prints and societies.

London, May 17.—It is understood that the India Office will endeavour to minimise the original intention of the New Poor Law as much as possible. This is much excitement about the act at

home among both parties. Every facility will be afforded at a special debate in the House of Commons, all other subjects standing over for the evening.

Bombay, May 16.—After several unsuccessful attempts the *China* was raised to-day. She is much injured, and it will be some time before she can be rendered seaworthy.

St. Petersburg, May 17.—It is believed here that Count Schouvaloff has convinced the Czar that Russia's interest is to concede to Europe the principal demands made by England, and that the assembling of a European Congress appears to be assured, despite difficulties to be overcome at Constantinople.

Cossols, 96. Port Said, 23rd May.—The *Moldavia*, towing the *Narval*, has proceeded to Malta.

Suez, 23rd May.—The St. Oyath, towing the *Helen Scott*, is passing the Canal. The *Clydesdale* performs quarantine.

London, 24th May.—The Duke of Cambridge is going to Malta to inspect the Indian Contingent.

The Shah of Persia has arrived at St. Petersburg.

The result of the strike ballot is that the men have rejected, by an overwhelming majority, the proposal to resume work for three months at ten per cent reduction, and that if trade is then improved wages will be increased.

London, 22nd May.—French Mail per *Pelika*, (Singapore 25th April,) delivered in London 22nd May.

factions policy of the opposition party as tending to embarrass the Government, and other Liberal members argued on the unconstitutional procedure of Government, and said that the Opposition felt bound, considering the novelty of the step, to raise the discussion. The House eventually negatived the resolution by 347 against to 226 voted for, and voted the Ministerial amendment.

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China.

(News.)

We are glad to find that the letter of our correspondent, "Philo-Coreanus," published in our columns of the 10th May, respecting the seizure and confinement in prison in Corea of Monsignor Ridel and the probable persecution, if not worse, of other French Missionaries, was sufficient to cause the French authorities to take immediate action in the matter; but, at the same time, we regret that we should have to go from home to learn what has been done.

We find in the Nagasaki *Rising Sun* that "the French corvette *Comœdæ* left that port on Friday last (the 17th ult.),

for Corea, the object of her visit to the peninsula being to obtain the release of

Monsignor Ridel, a missionary, to whose arrest our contemporary the *North-China Herald* refers. It is sincerely to be hoped that this object may be attained without any further appeal to force than the appearance of a war-vessel would convey. It is to be feared that unless his release be speedily accomplished, the lives of three or four more priests who are at present labouring in the country may also be jeopardised.

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in spite of the sound advice given to them by all or nearly all the foreign traders,

are determined to prepare a large quantity of tea leaf for the English market. It is said that five millions of pounds' weight

will be put ready for shipment to London.

The London tea stocks are excessive, the

export of Indian teas this year will be

between ten and twelve and a half per

cent. greater than that of 1877, and in

China there will be no falling off. On

the contrary, the new tea districts above Han-

kow and in Formosa will give a large in-

crease. The English home trade will be in

a bad way, owing to the strikes and lock-

outs in Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Staff-

ordshire, while three counties in good

times consume an extraordinary quantity

of tea per head of the population. The

Japanese tea-men will be wise, if it is not

too late now, to restrict their produce of

black tea to the smallest possible

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will be enough for an experiment, and ten

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A passion for theatrical entertainments seems to be more or less developed among all nations not absolutely barbarous, and few

are more inveterate play-goers than the Chinese. Destitute as their theatres are of all the appliances which we consider necessary for dramatic illusion, they are nevertheless eagerly patronised by all classes of the population. Even the higher-grade mandarins, although prohibited by law from countenancing such amusements by their presence, frequently brave official displeasure to indulge in the forbidden sight, while those to whom the scandal thus created might prove too dangerous hire companies of actors to perform at their own houses, inviting a large circle of friends, and acquaintances to make up an audience.

The "great unwashed," secure in having no position to lose, enjoy to the utmost the screaming *fasleto* recitative and hideous din of gongs which combine to make "one numba one songns pidgin"—as "pig-eon-English" jargon has it—sitting out the night if trade is then improved wages would truly wonderful.

In Nippon Notes, the *Gazette* translates the following items:—The local governors

were summoned to appear at the Imperial palace. The Mikado, in person, spoke the following words: "To our great grief

we have lost our valuable vessel, Okubo Mitutschishi, *Sangi*. I ask of you, as governors, to seek for the future to improve the education of the people so that no more worthless men may come out of the provinces under your jurisdiction." A difficulty has arisen at the port of Hosho in the province of Echim, originating in the exportation of rice. The staple productions of the province are rice and wheat, and it seems that the Kencho officials received authority from the central Government to purchase 20,000 koku of rice, to be exported to China.

The arrival of three Mitsu Bishi vessels in the harbour of Hosho was immediately followed by a rise in the price of rice and other grain, and the poorer classes began to murmur. The rumours that were spread by interested merchants added to the disturbance; and, on the 14th ult., to subscribe 500,000 yen to the new national loan.

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Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Mikado* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m. on Monday, the 10th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 15th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, June 8, 1878. jsl5

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Arratoon Apear*, Captain MACFAIRISH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 4, 1878. jsl1

BRITISH BARK *HYLTON CASTLE*, FROM GLASGOW.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 30, 1878.

SHIP *SIR HARRY PARKES*, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 22, 1878.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY, Agent.

Ex "Yung-tse," MF & C Order, 2 cases Furniture, London. L (in diamond) 189/93 & 196 Order, H der, 8 cases Cotton, ... " W (in triangle) 1/26 Order, GS 26 cases Metal, SP (in triangle) Order, 100 bags from Sharp Stones, Madras. Hongkong, June 6, 1878.

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S. S. YANG-TSE.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo per S. S. *India*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 30th Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Wednesday, the 6th June, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

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NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

From and after the Chinese New Year day (February 17, 1878) the *Chinese Mail* will be issued daily instead of twice weekly as heretofore. No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the *China Mail*. The unusual success which has attended the *Chinese Mail* makes it an admirable medium for advertisers.

The Conduits guarantee an annual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, San Francisco, and Australia.

China Mail Office,

17th February, 1878.

Mails.



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OLYPHANT & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West, Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

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Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

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ROLLIDAY, WISE & CO.,

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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Hongkong, October 14, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *a*, near the Kowloon shore *b*, and those in the body of the Harbour midway between each shore are marked *c*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.

1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor spgs.	Flag.	Guns.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
America	6 c	British	563	May 14	13	Birley & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock For Sale
Argentino	8 c	British	1392	April 22	4	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Spore, Calcutta, do	15th 3 p.m.
Arratoon Apear	5 c	Mackayish	1392	June 8	8	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Ava	5 c	Hernandez	1277	June 11	5	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....	Laid up
Banledi	2 b	Buchanan	995	June 11	11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	.....	Laid up
Bomby	5 c	Williams	1303	May 11	12	Kwok Acehong	Foochow	Laid up
Caldera	2 b	Williams	95	Oct. 15	2	Kwok Acehong	.....	Laid up
Cameo	2 b	Tanner	5079	May 16	15	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & San Francisco	To-day
City of Peking	5 c	Maury	5079	June 1	1	P. M. S. S. Co.	Y'hama & San Francisco	Coast Dock
City of Tokio	2 b	Clancy	1630	June 1	4	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	To-morrow
Danube	5 c	Brown	1630	June 1	9	Butterfield & Swire	London, d.c.	at daylight
Deuclidean	6 b	Stopani	117	May 18	10	H. K. & W. P. o. Dock Co.	Tug Playing	Ab'de'en Dock
Fitzpatrick	4 c	Humphries	597	April 18	11	Gee Chong Hong	.....	.....
H. C. Orsted	4 c	Swenson	337	June 5	12	G. N. T. Co.	.....	.....
Kienchow	2 b	Green	126	May 12	13	Kwok Acehong	Coast Ports Amy	12th Inst.
Kwangtung	5 b	Punchard	675	June 1	14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Mac'd. Slip	Mac'd. Slip
Macau	5 b	Erquiga	371	June 1	15	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Maharajah	5 c	Clark	1263	June 1	16	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama	15th noon
Malabar	3 c	Broker	1060	May 14	17	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama	15th inst.
Moray	5 c	Butcher	1247	June 1	18	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama	15th noon
Mikado	4 c	Barclay	1393	June 1	19	Geo. P. Stevens & Co.	Yokohama	15th inst.
Ocean	7 c	Edmondson	1191	May 15	20	F. P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	